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**King Loses His Plea For Tube To Connect Terminal Island, Mainland**

The Navy turned thumbs down on a projected T-tunnel system linking Terminal Island to the mainland cities of San Pedro, Wilmington and Long Beach, and at the same time indicated that Naval activity on the island will be reduced sharply.

The Navy decision against the tube was announced in a report from Undersecretary John L. Sullivan to Rep. Cecil King, an ardent supporter of the proposal and author of a bill providing for the tunnel.

The tunnel plan was first advanced and supported by Edward H. Kosin, chairman of the T-tunnel system committee of the San Pedro Civic Council. Kosin has been pressing for the proposal for the last 15 years.

Supporters envisaged a tunnel linking San Pedro and Wilmington to Terminal Island and another connecting the island to Long Beach.

Sullivan said the Navy had found, after intensive investigation, that the island has been sinking over a period of 12 years because of the withdrawal of oil and the incidental release of gas pressure in the petroleum-bearing sands underlying the area.

The Navy turned its support toward a new bridge, now under construction, which will connect the island to the mainland's new access freeway. The freeway is

scheduled to be completed in 1948. Discussing the island's sinking as "subsidence phenomena," Sullivan's report said that the effects of the subsidence, in shortening the over-all length of the bridge now under construction, can be compensated for by engineering provisions in design and construction.

"However," the report pointed out, "there is no known method of providing a comparable decrease in the over-all length of a tunnel, and the eventual failure of the proposed tube would be inevitable for this reason."

Another factor influencing the Navy's decision is the curtailed budget for fiscal year 1948.

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